

# TRIBUTARY



Water Education and Conservation Newsletter

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## DWRe River Basin Planning Program

**By Todd Stonely, Basin Planning Section Chief, DWRe**

The River Basin Planning Section prepares and updates a statewide water plan and more detailed plans for the state's 11 major river basins. These plans present and analyze valuable water resources data collected by the division and provide important guidelines and support to local entities. The section also conducts a variety of other water-related studies as necessary. The purpose of these plans and related studies is three-fold:

1. Describe the current status of the water resources of the state or individual river basin.
2. Estimate the future demands that will be placed on these resources.
3. Identify ways to manage existing water supplies and obtain new supplies to satisfy future needs.

The purpose of the section's work is to help water managers, planners, legislators and other parties formulate the management strategies and policies needed to effectively meet the state's future water needs. These plans and studies are also a valuable resource for those in the general public interested in contributing to water-related decisions at all levels of government.

### Area Planning Specialists

In addition to the various sections within the division, eleven members of the Planning Branch staff serve as Area Planning Specialists—one for each of the state's major river basins (see table). These specialists help the division better serve the people of Utah. Area Planning Specialists have many responsibilities that make them very valuable to local

authorities as well as the division. These include the following:

- Provide technical expertise to local watershed committees.
- Represent the division at other local meetings where water resources issues are being addressed.
- Review water-related documents prepared by federal and other state agencies for consistency with state water planning objectives.
- Become acquainted with local leaders and water officials.
- Collect and read local newspapers for water-related articles.
- Be aware of current water supply conditions and prepare drought assessment reports as necessary.

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Cedar/Beaver	Russ Barrus	801-538-7295
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Sevier River	Craig Miller	801-538-7270
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Uintah	Jim Stephens	801-538-7275
Utah Lake	Tim Heyrend	801-538-7257
Weber River	Dave Cole	801-538-7269
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# House Bill 71 Passes

**By Molly Waters, Water Conservation Coordinator, DWRe**

The 2004 legislative session was a good one for water conservation planning! House Bill 153 (1999) was revised and renamed House Bill 71. However, it's still basically the same Water Conservation Plan Act we all know and love.

Additions to the bill included the following:

- Statement of an overall water use reduction goal
- Statement of methods of achieving those goals
- Plan for monitoring and evaluation of conservation progress
- DWRe gets to publicly humiliate non-compliant agencies by publishing their names in a statewide newspaper.

A new template has been developed at DWRe that will hopefully aid you in the preparation of a great Water Conservation Plan.

To find a copy of the bill, download the new template, or to check on your compliance status please visit [www.conservewater.utah.gov/agency](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/agency).



# Model Ordinances Now Online!

**By Molly Waters, Water Conservation Coordinator, DWRe**

We all know that coming up with acceptable water ordinances can be a tricky process. To help in that process, the Division of Water Resources has provided a list of model ordinances for you on their website. The following ordinances are currently available:

- Time-of-Day Watering Ordinance
- Water Pricing Ordinance
- Commercial Landscape Ordinance
- Water Waste Ordinance

Each ordinance can be modified to meet your community's specific goals and interests, and can save you a lot of time in the ordinance-making process!

Please visit [www.conservewater.utah.gov/agency](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/agency) to find these ordinances!

## Calendar of Events

Please visit our Events Calendar located at [www.conservewater.utah.gov/calendar](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/calendar).

**April 23, 2004**

### Free Garden Day at Red Butte Garden

Thanks to the Salt Lake County voters and the Zoo Arts & Parks fund, Red Butte Garden offers free admission on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. For more information, contact Redbutte Garden at 801-581-6464.

**May 18, 2004**

### Wasatch Community Gardens Annual Plant Sale

Annual plant sale & event with focus on water conservation and vegetable gardening. Held from 8 am – 1 pm at the Garfield School, 1838 S 1500 E, SLC. For more information, contact Wasatch Community Gardens at 801-359-2658.

